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Description

Over half the people in the world are women. What women do affects us all. Now, there's a radio program that takes a serious and intelligent look on society's impact on women and their impact on society. 51% is a weekly program of illuminating features and interviews focusing on issues of particular concern to women.

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ASCERTAINED COMMUNITY ISSUES

1. **EDUCATION**, including the quality of public education; school busing; white flight; bilingual education; school violence; and the quality of college and adult education.
2. **ECONOMY**, including inflation; economic development; economic opportunity; welfare; unemployment; job training; labor relations; and consumer issues.
3. **GOVERNMENT**, including government spending; the provision of government services; taxes; general political debate by officials and candidates.
4. **HEALTH**, including quality of medical facilities; national health programs; nutrition; physical fitness; mental health; preventative health care; and medical malpractice.
5. **MINORITIES, WOMEN & AGING**, including discrimination and other problems of racial minorities; women and senior citizens; the handicapped; homosexuals; and religious ethnic groups.
6. **YOUTH & FAMILY**, including issues regarding marriage; the changing role of the family; parenting; child rearing; and abuse.

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Description: Ghosts have always been wildly popular. From the Victorian ghost tales to today's modern ghosthunter shows, we've always been looking for whatever goes bump in the night. This year, we're featuring a couple of first hand ghost stories. First, Jasmyn Belcher takes us on a ghost hunt in rural New York.

Coming up, I go on a ghost hunt of my own... and we'll hear from a woman who fled Manhattan to search for fairies.

I grew up with ghost stories... whether it was searching for the ghost my cousins and I were told haunted our family's summer cottage, or my mom's first person accounts of things she just couldn't explain. So when I got a chance to go to a haunted house in New York's Hudson Valley, I jumped at the chance.

And finally, a far more ambitious search. Signe Pike had a great job at a publishing company in New York City. But one day she packed her bags and began a tour of the UK... she was searching for fairies. And that search led to a very entertaining book.

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Description: Kathy Stevens is the founder and director of Catskill Animal Sanctuary, an 80 acre farm in the Hudson River Valley that has provided shelter for more than 1,700 animals since 2001. Many of them have found permanent homes. Stevens, while expanding the farm, creating a new vegan cuisine program and running a summer camp, has written a new book called "Animal Camp." It begins with the story of three misfit animals – a pig, a cow and a horse, who bond during a summer at what Stevens dubs the animal camp. But it's a book with a serious message... and some of it may disturb you.

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Coming up, why networking isn't just for the guys... and what the NY Times obit section can tell you about women.

If you're in the corporate world, it can be tough to convince yourself of the importance of networking with other women. Yet what outsiders see as a glorified coffee break can, according to Selene Razvani, can be a valuable tool for professional development. And more companies are seeing it that way.

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From West Africa, we have a story of exactly the kind of business that would interest Investors Circle. All across West Africa, you can buy water on the street. It comes in little plastic baggies. In Ghana, a business called, "Trashy Bags" transforms those disposable baggies into sturdy products to use again and again. Anna Boiko-Weyrauch has the story from the World Vision Report's Stuff That Works series.

Many women go into business simply because they have no other choice. And for some, that means defying tradition. That's a particularly brave thing to do if you're a Muslim girl fishing to support your family in Gaza – and you're the only woman on the shore.

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Studies of men and women in the workplace show there are, not surprisingly, some major differences in not only leadership style, but behavior. The question is whether you're willing to stick your neck out to show that being different can be good for business. Consultant and author Selena Rezvani talks about women and the risk question.

Finally, a woman's story that I guarantee you'll remember for a long time. Imagine if you were so sensitive to sound that it was actually painful. And then imagine you're a musician. Meet Carole Starr.

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CATEGORY: YOUTH & FAMILY

Program: 51%
Date: March 13, 2011

Description: The United States considers itself the model for a democratic society – and yet our businesses are far behind the rest of the world in recognizing the needs of families. The United States is one of the only countries in the world that doesn't offer paid parental leave. Veteran public radio reporter Anne Garrels looks at what this means for American families.

That report comes to us from Rights Watch Radio, produced by Human Rights Watch.

There's another basic issue that has yet to be addressed... wage discrimination. A woman makes 25% less than a man doing exactly the same job. And the numbers of women in the top echelon of management are still far behind the number of men. Selena Rezvani says it's time to legislate pay parity.

Family businesses have traditionally been passed from father to son. Particularly before 1950, girls were usually expected to find a good man, get married and raise children. Marianne Schnall, founder of feminist.com, has a different family story.

And finally, the story of a woman whose life has truly spanned some remarkable changes. Vaudeville entertainer Flossie Turner Lewis reflects on her life, including working with the family act in the minstrel show circuit and finally getting an education. Kate Szrom reports.

Program: 51%
Date: March 20, 2011

Description: Dr. Helen Caldicott, physician and vocal anti-nuclear campaigner, spoke by phone with journalist Claudia Cragg after the 2007 6.8 earthquake in Japan which hit the world's largest nuclear power plant at Kashiwazaki-Kariwa. That is not the same plant affected by the recent earthquake and tsunami... it's a different one. And back in 2007, Dr. Caldicott was warning that the worries in Japan should be shared at California nuclear plants.

It's been more than seven years since a brutal civil war in Liberia came to an end. But now this small country on the West Coast of Africa boasts the continent's first elected female President and more elections later this year – the rebuilding of Liberia has begun. 51%'s Polly Fields reports on how the young people of Liberia are moving forward with their lives in a new future.

Communist China's one child policy is now coming back to haunt its people. Adopted 30 years ago, it was an attempt to curb China's exploding population. The government limited urban families to one child. Rural families could have two. But there was another factor to consider. For thousands of years, Chinese families traditionally valued sons more than daughters, so many families did anything they could to have a son. The first generation of one child policy babies are now of marrying age, and the number of young men in China unable to find wives is approaching 20 million. Jennifer Dunn of the World Vision Report brings us this story from rural China.

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Description

Every day, faculty members at schools and universities throughout the world are making discoveries that shape our ways of thinking and redefine our understanding of today's knowledge-driven society. Since 1990, The Best of Our Knowledge has highlighted breakthroughs across disciplines and across the globe, putting you in touch with the men and women at the front of their fields. Each week, co-host Dr. Karen R. Hitchcock examines some of the issues unique to college campuses, looks at the latest research, and invites commentary from experts and administrators from all levels of education.

Glenn Busby, co-host and producer of Best of Our Knowledge, has made a special commitment to report on important developments in educational research. The fact is, at every college and university there is a great deal of research being conducted which could potentially have a dramatic impact on the ways in which we educate our students, from the lower grades right through graduate school. Unfortunately, all too often the results of that research are relegated to a shelf somewhere, or are only seen by the small number of people who actually read the scholarly journals. There is no question that the work is being done – the problem is, once it's done, the people in a position to benefit from it most haven't gotten a chance to hear about it.

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1. **EDUCATION**, including the quality of public education; school busing; white flight; bilingual education; school violence; and the quality of college and adult education.
2. **GOVERNMENT**, including government spending; the provision of government services; taxes; general political debate by officials and candidates.
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4. **MINORITIES, WOMEN & AGING**, including discrimination and other problems of racial minorities; women and senior citizens; the handicapped; homosexuals; and religious ethnic groups.
5. **YOUTH & FAMILY**, including issues regarding marriage; the changing role of the family; parenting; child rearing; and abuse.

CATEGORY: EDUCATION

Issue: **MIND Alliance: Helping Minority Students with Disabilities Succeed in STEM**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: January 2, 2011

Description: It's that time each year when the nation recognizes Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday with an official federal holiday. Dr. King is of course remembered (among many things) as a strong supporter of equality in education.

MIND Alliance is a program designed to increase interest in science among minority students with disabilities, and to help them transition into STEM-based academic programs and careers.

MIND Alliance brings together the resources of two minority-serving universities – Hunter College and New York City, and Southern University at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Issue: **The Math Midway from the American Museum of Mathematics**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: January 2, 2011

Description: Our first story talked about STEM – science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Next, we have an essay on the “M” in STEM -- math.

Whether students realize it or not, math is an integral part of our everyday lives. To emphasize this, a group of math enthusiasts formed to create The Math Midway. It's a traveling carnival-style exhibition which provides an interactive, hands-on tour of mathematical concepts.

The Math Midway is the first exhibition of the American Museum of Mathematics. The museum's mission is to enhance public understanding and appreciation of math.

Issue: **The Academic Minute: AD/HD**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: January 2, 2011

Description: This week's episode features Education Professor Christie Herbert from Landmark College.

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Issue: **The Hardest Questions Aren't on the Test: Lessons from an Innovative Urban School Part 1**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: January 9, 2011

Description: Last week, for Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday celebration, we featured an education program designed for minority students at two minority serving institutions of higher learning. This week, we take listeners to an inner city public high school in Boston.

Picture an urban public school where 94% of its graduates qualify to attend college. For many urban schools, that may sound like a pipedream. But not in Boston if you attend the Boston Arts Academy. It's a public school, operating within the Boston public school system. It comprises an ethnically and socioeconomically diverse student body.

Now, compare that 94% rate of students getting into college, to the average urban district rate in Boston of just 50%, and you'll be wondering, as we were, how in the world do they do that?

CATEGORY: EDUCATION (Cont'd)

Issue: **School on Wheels**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: January 9, 2011

Description: A study just out shows that joblessness among low income workers has reached a staggering 30%. So it comes as no surprise that the number of homeless people is rising too. And that, of course, includes children.

In just Los Angeles alone, there are thousands of homeless children. As their families shuffle between shelters, cars, and the streets, these young people struggle to stay in school.

A non-profit called, School on Wheels, helps homeless youth by bringing education to them, to help them learn their three R's, no matter where they are.

Issue: **The Academic Minute: The Development of Children's Brains**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: January 9, 2011

Description: This week's episode features Dr. Jane Couperus, Assistant Professor of Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience at Hampshire College.

The Academic Minute is hosted by Dr. Lynn Pasquerella, a celebrated philosopher and medical ethicist, and President of Mount Holyoke College.

Issue: **The Hardest Questions Aren't on the Test: Lessons from an Innovative Urban School Part 2**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: January 16, 2011

Description: The achievement gap remains one of education's most persistent problems all across the U.S. A new report out last month shows that, overall, achievement gaps remain large.

The study by the Center on Education Policy says if states continue their current pace of progress in narrowing achievement gaps between students of different races, ethnic groups, and income levels, it could take decades for lagging student groups to catch up.

Yet just last week, we heard about an urban inner-city public school, the Boston Arts Academy, where an amazing 94% of its graduates qualify for college.

Issue: **The Academic Minute: Transitions from Community Colleges**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: January 16, 2011

Description: This week's episode features Dr. Joseph Skrivanek, Purchase College, State University of New York.

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CATEGORY: EDUCATION (Cont'd)

Issue: **Oort Cloud Formation – The Role of the Sun's Birth Cluster Part 1**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: January 23, 2011

Description: You've probably not heard much about the Oort Cloud. You can't just look up in the sky and see the Oort Cloud. But our guest today, along with many others in the scientific community, believes comets in the Oort Cloud holds crucial clues about the origin of our planets, and possibly the origins of life on Earth.

Dr. Harold Levison is a Planetary Scientist specializing in planetary dynamics. And he comes to TBOOK from the Southwest Research Institute in Boulder, Colorado.

Among his many distinctions, Dr. Levison is co-author of SWIFT, scientific software that solves planetary equations of motion over billions of year timescales.

Plus, Levison and three other international colleagues are well known for their Nice Model. This model proposes how our early solar system evolved, planetary migration, including events like the Late Heavy Bombardment of the Moon.

Next week, we'll focus on the importance of students studying physics, the scientific mind, and are we alone?

Issue: **The Academic Minute: This Month in Earth's History**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: January 23, 2011

Description: This week's episode features Dr. Jill Schneiderman, Professor of Earth Science at Vassar College, Her book, "The Earth Around Us: Maintaining a Livable Planet", was named one of the most important and thought-provoking science books of the year by Discover magazine.

The Academic Minute is hosted by Dr. Lynn Pasquerella, a celebrated philosopher and medical ethicist, and President of Mount Holyoke College.

Issue: **Oort Cloud Formation – The Role of the Sun's Birth Cluster Part 2**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: January 30, 2011

Description: Even as adults, we experience child-like wonder when we gaze up into the night time sky... amazed at what we see... full of questions about how our world could have come to be... and what chain of events had to occur for humans to be standing on Earth, looking out at the universe.

That's the way it was too for our guest, Dr. Harold Levison. He set about making that dream become a reality. And now, he's a Planetary Scientist with the Southwest Research Institute.

Dr. Levison's principal research interests lie in the area of the dynamics of astronomical objects. In particular, he focuses on the long-term behavior of bodies in the solar system. He is perhaps best known for his work on the early evolution of the outer solar system, and is an author of the most comprehensive model to date.

This week, we speak with him about the importance of students studying physics, the scientific mind, and ask him are we alone?

CATEGORY: EDUCATION (Cont'd)

Issue: **Relentless Pursuit: A Year in the Trenches with Teach for America Part 1**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: February 6, 2011

Description: The New York Times describes Teach for America as a stunningly successful non-profit organization. This month Teach for America is celebrating its 20th anniversary.

Teach for American began two decades ago as an idealistic college senior's last-minute thesis project. Some thought it was a tad crazy. But since then, it's morphed into an important player in educational reform, attracting some 20-thousand top college graduates each year to fill only 25-hundred slots.

Teach for America founder, Wendy Kopp, is using this occasion to issue a passionate and inspiring summation of what she and TFA Corps members have learned over the past 20 years. That educational inequity – the achievement gap – is a solvable problem, and that the key to solving it – in a single classroom, a school, or system-wide – is leadership.

TBOOK seized on the anniversary benchmark as an opportunity to get an independent, external assessment of Teach for America by reviewing a book by former Newsweek correspondent, Donna Foote. In her book, "Relentless Pursuit: A Year in the Trenches with Teach for America", Foote documents the first year struggles of four TFA recruits at Locke High School in South Central Los Angeles..

Issue: **Schools for Working Children**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: February 6, 2011

Description: UNICEF estimates that some 250-million children work for a living in developing countries. It's calling the practice of child labor a violation of basic human rights. Many advocates strive to eliminate child labor completely, in particular, because work can keep children out of school. But in one neighborhood in Karachi, Pakistan, a group of young people are both working and going to school.

Issue: **The Academic Minute: Academic Writing**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: February 6, 2011

Description: This week's episode features Jennifer Baker, Associate Professor Arts and Sciences, at Green Mountain College.

The Academic Minute is hosted by Dr. Lynn Pasquerella, a celebrated philosopher and medical ethicist, and President of Mount Holyoke College.

Issue: **Self-Education Creates Self-Confidence**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: November 7, 2010

Description: Another of the country's strong national voices on liberal education is the President of St. Lawrence University in New York, William L. Fox.

You might not be aware of it yet, but right now there's a war going on among Department of Education officials and educators, pitting the rights of private universities versus public universities.

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CATEGORY: EDUCATION (Cont'd)

Issue: **Attracting the Best Teachers, Locke High School Emblematic?**

Program: The Best of Our Knowledge

Date: February 13, 2011

Description: Have you ever wondered what it would be like to work at, or attend a school in South Los Angeles? Well that's what our story is about today. And unfortunately it's a story that may sound all too familiar... being repeated in far too many other school districts around the U.S.

Locke High School opened in the mid 60s after the Watts riot. Locke was at first a symbol of hope. But now it's emblematic of a school crippled by a culture of poverty and the violence that breeds. It's become infamous for shootings, gang violence, and racial tensions between Hispanics and African Americans. During the last decade, Locke's academic performance index was the lowest in all of the Los Angeles Unified School District. Gang fights are rampant, enrollment is down, and not surprisingly, teacher turnover is high.

Into this place, which resembles a prison as much as a school, are dropped a group of "recruits" from Teach for America. A candid account of their experiences and efforts to improve the educational system at Locke High School are chronicled in the book, "Relentless Pursuit: A Year in the Trenches with Teach for America."

Issue: **Education Headlines & Updates**

Program: The Best of Our Knowledge

Date: February 13, 2011

Description: The Education Department held what it called a big Union Collaboration Jamboree in Denver last week. Invitations went out to some 2,000 school districts. And representatives from teachers unions (both AFT and NEA) were there as well as the National School Boards Association, the American Association of School Administrators, and many others.

Meanwhile, National Education Association Executive Director, John Wilson, was asked recently in an interview if teachers would participate in a national strike – should tenure protection be taken away by some states? Wilson is quoted as answering, "I would not take that off the table." Wilson told "The Lookout" a Yahoo news blog, that "If teachers felt like politicians were doing harm to them, they would rise up and let them know that."

The last week of January was the first ever National School Choice Week. Some 150 organizations in more than 40 states teamed up to host over 125 events across the country. Organizers described it as an opportunity to "sound the alarm for immediate education reform and to celebrate the benefits of enhanced educational options for children." Americans participated in everything from rallies – to education reform film screenings.

Issue: **Kids Aren't Cars**

Program: The Best of Our Knowledge

Date: February 13, 2011

Description: Speaking of which, "Kids Aren't Cars" is a new short film series being released all this month. Using examples from the Midwest, it documents the impact organized labor has had on the American education system... creating what it describes as a one-size-fits-all assembly line model that leaves students behind, and treats teachers the same, regardless of their skill level and classroom effectiveness... the film claims... stifling innovation and improvement. The films are being released, two per week, at <http://www.kidsarentcars.com/blog/>. A total of nine are planned.

CATEGORY: EDUCATION (Cont'd)

Issue: **The Academic Minute: Learning Proper English**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: February 13, 2011

Description: This week's episode features Dr. Susan Behrens, Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Marymount Manhattan College, discussing the importance of understanding Standard English.

The Academic Minute is hosted by Dr. Lynn Pasquerella, a celebrated philosopher and medical ethicist, and President of Mount Holyoke College.

Issue: **The State of the Union and the State of Science Education**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: February 20, 2011

Description: President Barack Obama used his State of the Union address to put education front and center on the national agenda. President Obama called for a 5-year spending freeze. But the president said he would spare education and research from that freeze, calling them vital to the nation's long-term growth and competitiveness. Mr. Obama said his budget for the next fiscal year, which was due out in February, calls for more spending on biomedical research, information technology, and clean-energy technology. He proposes paying for these increases by eliminating tax breaks for oil companies.

Almost simultaneous with the president's State of the Union address, the National Assessment of Education Progress, known as NAEP, released the nation's report card on science. It was not good. Results showed that most American students are not performing at a level deemed "proficient" in science, with 12th graders posting the weakest scores. Only one in five high school seniors scored at least proficient on the exam. Reaction came swiftly from several sectors.

U.S. Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, said when only 1 or 2 percent of children score at the advanced levels on NAEP, the next generation will not be ready to be world-class inventors, doctors, and engineers.

Meanwhile, the National Science Teachers Association reacted this way saying, "This is completely unacceptable. Our nation cannot afford to have a scientifically illiterate workforce... even in these challenging economic times it is imperative that we develop and retain high quality science teachers.

Issue: **National Women's History Month: Access to Advancement Profile – Patricia Walsh**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: February 20, 2011

Description: As we open our month of programs recognizing Women's History Month, we profile Patricia Walsh. Walsh is a full-time program manager at Microsoft. She runs marathons, volunteers for a number of important causes, and has a busy social life. But there was a time during college when things did not go quite so smoothly for her.

Patricia Walsh, at times, struggled with her grades and confidence. That is, until she worked with Dr. John Gardner who is nationally known for making technology accessible to people with visual impairments. Dr. Gardner was a role model and mentor for Patricia and introduced her to the AccessSTEM program at the University of Washington. Walsh credits Dr. Gardner and AccessSTEM with helping her get to where she is today.

CATEGORY: EDUCATION (Cont'd)

Issue: **Education Headlines & Updates**

Program: The Best of Our Knowledge

Date: February 20, 2011

Description: Two weeks ago, we reported on Teach for America on the occasion of its 20th anniversary. Teach for America is the educational organization that places recent college graduates into low-income public schools. Now, TFA has just announced its receiving 100-million dollars to launch its first ever endowment in hopes of making the grass-roots organization a permanent fixture in education. Founder, Wendy Kopp, says she hopes that steady stream of revenue will permit TFA to double the number of active corps member teachers, and increase the communities they reach from 39 to 60.

The month of March is always National Women's History Month. This year's theme is Our History is Our Strength. The theme pays tribute to the millions of women who have taken action to help create a better world for the times in which they lived, as well as for future generations. It's a program of the national Women's History Project which this year is encouraging communities and institutions to honor women from their own communities, states, and organizations whose lives and work have served to inspire the strength that comes from knowing the stories of these determined women.

Issue: **The Academic Minute: The Nano World**

Program: The Best of Our Knowledge

Date: February 20, 2011

Description: This week's episode features Dr. Linda Schadler, Professor of Materials Science and Engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Professor Schadler tells us about her role in a science project that used the big screen to explain a small world we can't see.

The Academic Minute is hosted by Dr. Lynn Pasquerella, a celebrated philosopher and medical ethicist, and President of Mount Holyoke College.

Issue: **Educational Headlines and Updates From the Word of Science and Space**

Program: The Best of Our Knowledge

Date: December 19, 2010

Description: Remember playing with Lego's as a child? Well, a Lego Space Shuttle headed to orbit with the launch of the space shuttle STS-133 mission. NASA and the Lego Group signed a Space Act Agreement to spark children's interest in STEM – science, technology, engineering and math. Listen to the show to find out about NASA's educational materials in conjunction with this project.

Next, the International Space Station is celebrating ten years of humans living and working on board it.

And then another landmark is achieved as astronomers from 12 countries on six continents mark the 50th anniversary of the search for extraterrestrial intelligence, better known as SETI.

Issue: **Women's History Month: Asian University for Women**

Program: The Best of Our Knowledge

Date: February 27, 2011

Description: For many women in rural Asia, access to education and advancement is out of reach. But Kamai Ahmad is trying to change that. Ahmad is an international attorney who recently founded the Asian University for Women. Based in Bangladesh, women from all across Southern Asia attend undergraduate and graduate programs. And some even arrange to come early for college prep classes.

In just a few short years, the Asian University for Women has made great strides towards becoming a premier educational institution for young women in Asia... and fulfilling its mission to educate a new generation of women to become role models and leaders in their own communities.

CATEGORY: EDUCATION (Cont'd)

Issue: **National Women's History Month Commentary: Women's Colleges**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: February 27, 2011

Description: Back in the U.S. recent surveys show that women are earning doctorate degrees in higher numbers than men. Advanced degrees can be extremely important in higher education, and upper level management.

The institutions of higher learning where these degrees are derived, is also very important. As prices continue to climb, students and parents are demanding they get more than a degree from today's colleges and universities.

Author and public speaker, Selena Rezvani, looks at the role of all-women colleges in this 21st century.

Issue: **The Academic Minute: iPads in Higher Education**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: February 27, 2011

Description: A growing number of colleges and universities have launched pilot projects to test how the iPad might be used to produce a positive impact on student learning and engagement.

Pepperdine University just released preliminary findings from its first term (of a three-term study) that suggests students have found value in using the iPad because of the following:

- Ease of use (touch screen and no "boot up" time)
- Mobility (can be passed around in study groups), and
- The vast variety of apps and programs available that appear to be having a positive impact on student learning.

Then, Reed College, a private liberal arts college in Oregon, which has a long history of evaluating new technology for potential higher education use, did a study as well. Their team is currently drafting a white paper detailing results of their iPad evaluation. In general, the team says students found the iPad to be flexible and versatile enough to allow them to read course materials, annotate and highlight passages of text, pull up reference materials, store notes, and prepare reports.

As we were wrapping production on this show, "The New York Times" is reporting that Apple may be developing a stylus pen to go with the iPad in an effort to appeal to students. The "Times" quoted an anonymous source at Apple who said a stylus could increase the utility of the iPad in education. A second version of the iPad is expected to be unveiled this spring.

And now this week's Academic Minute professor explains how uses of the iPad are evolving and becoming increasingly popular in his own class, and in higher education, This episode features Dr. Corey Angst, Assistant Professor of Management at the University of Notre Dame.

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CATEGORY: EDUCATION (Cont'd)

Issue: **From the Education Current Events and Update Folder**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: February 27, 2011

Description: We had them on our show a year ago. Now it's time for their second annual World Read Aloud Day. This month Litworld invites listeners to join the global literacy movement. A reported 1-billion people are unable to read a book or sign their own name. Litworld asks you to imagine a world without words? And visit them online at: litworld.org.

Last week we reported on President Obama's education remarks during his State of the Union address. The president and Education Secretary, Arne Duncan, would like to get the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), now known as NCLB, reauthorized this year. House Education Committee Chairman, John Kline, supports this effort – but expressed concern about the president's request for more Race to the Top money. Congressman Kline said "Congress should not be cutting blank checks to the administration, especially when our national debt exceeds 14-trillion dollars... especially... in light of the federal government's failure to keep its promise to fund special education."

And lastly, the White House has opened applications for the 2011 Race to the Top Commencement Challenge. Students from public high schools across the country are invited to demonstrate how their school prepares them for college and a career by submitting an application online at whitehouse.gov. The winning school gets the president as their 2011 commencement speaker. Cool!

Issue: **Women's History Month: Tech Girls**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: March 6, 2011

Description: This year's Women's History Month theme is "Our History is Our Strength." Our opening story today features young women who are making their history today as part of the annual TechGirlz program at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf.

TechGirlz, a weeklong camp for middle-school girls, enables them to use hands-on activities to make science, technology, engineering, and math subjects fun and interesting.

The girls use high-tech lab equipment to solve problems, learn the basics of web design, and even learn about roller coaster engineering, while visiting an amusement park.

Many of the girls say their favorite experience is building a personal computer to take home. For some, it's the first time they're with other girls their age who are deaf or hard-of-hearing.

Issue: **The Academic Minute: CIA Drone Expansion**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: March 6, 2011

Description: And now this week's Academic Minute professor is a Professor of Law and International Dispute Resolution. Mary Ellen O'Connell from the University of Notre Dame discusses the CIA's use of armed drones and the legal implications of their wider use by the U.S. and other countries.

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CATEGORY: EDUCATION (Cont'd)

Issue: **Education Budget Proposal for this Fall: Overview, Pell Grants & Higher Education Impact**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: March 13, 2011

Description: The federal Department of Education wants 77.4 billion dollars to operate its programs in fiscal year 2012, which begins this fall. It's asking for a 2-billion dollar increase, or 4.3% more than 2011.

The department's budget proposal came just days after the House of Representatives released a plan to cut billions of dollars from the current budget.

Washington observers remark that this highlights the "stark contrast" in how the administration and GOP envision the use of education money.

In releasing the administration's education budget request, Secretary Arne Duncan announced that his department wants to eliminate 13 programs to save 147-million dollars. And also cut 265-million from Career and Technical Education (CTE) grants. Duncan plans to use that money, and the additional money requested, to fund a wide array of programs from early learning, through college completion, and teacher preparation.

This week, we give you a quick overview of his budget proposal and changes to the popular Pell Grant program for higher education. Next week, we'll focus on planned cuts and investments for the lower grades, Pre K thru 12.

Issue: **National Women's History Month: Girls Education in Afghanistan**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: March 13, 2011

Description: During three decades of war, many in Afghanistan were deprived of a basic education, especially young girls. Now, these girls are young women, too old to go back to elementary school. World Vision Report visited a school in the Afghan capital that's giving these older girls and young women a chance to get the education they missed.

Issue: **The Academic Minute: Green Architecture**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: March 13, 2011

And now this week's Academic Minute professor discusses the importance of adaptive reuse in "green" construction. Liliane Wong is an architect and Professor and Head of the Department of Interior Architecture at the Rhode Island School of Design.

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Issue: **Education Budget Proposal, Fiscal 2012: Pre K thru 12 Cuts & Investments**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: March 20, 2011

As we witness massive education unrest unfold, and education budget upheavals all across the country, congress has been working on the administration's fiscal year 2012 budget for the U.S. Department of Education. This is the budget that begins in just a few short months, in the fall.

Last week, we gave listeners an overview of plans to trim certain areas of the federal education budget and add new monies to other areas. We also focused on the future of higher education and changes necessary to Pell Grants due to a forecast 20-billion dollar deficit for just that one line item.

CATEGORY: EDUCATION (Cont'd)

Issue: **National Women's History Month: Iraqi Mother Determined to Education Herself & Children**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: March 20, 2011

Description: While the eyes of the world are focused on current events and unrest in several locations in the Middle East, educators are determined to keep schools open for business.

In our final installment of our month-long recognition of Women's History Month, we hear next from this mother of four in Iraqi who is trying to keep her children in school while she also attend college.

Issue: **The Academic Minute: Rock Formation and Earth's History**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: March 20, 2011

Description: And now this week's Academic Minute professor discusses how rock formations provide exciting information about Earth's past. Dr. Robert Titus is a Professor of Geology at Hartwick College.

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CATEGORY: ECONOMY

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Issue: **The Educated Unemployed**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: January 16, 2011

Description: From Boston, we travel to Northern Africa, where, despite the geographic distance, unemployment problems plague Morocco, as they do Europe and the United States.

While the jobless rate remains high in America, and layoffs continue to make headlines, students are universally finding that a college education is no hedge against being without a job.

And the same is true in Morocco. Thousands of highly educated young people in that North African country have master's and doctor's degrees. But they cannot find work. So, they're taking to the streets of the capital to protest.

CATEGORY: GOVERNMENT

Issue: **Private Space Travel**
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Issue: **Education Headlines & Updates**
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Description: The Education Department held what it called a big Union Collaboration Jamboree in Denver last week. Invitations went out to some 2,000 school districts. And representatives from teachers unions (both AFT and NEA) were there as well as the National School Boards Association, the American Association of School Administrators, and many others.

Meanwhile, National Education Association Executive Director, John Wilson, was asked recently in an interview if teachers would participate in a national strike – should tenure protection be taken away by some states? Wilson is quoted as answering, "I would not take that off the table." Wilson told "The Lookout" a Yahoo news blog, that "If teachers felt like politicians were doing harm to them, they would rise up and let them know that."

The last week of January was the first ever National School Choice Week. Some 150 organizations in more than 40 states teamed up to host over 125 events across the country. Organizers described it as an opportunity to "sound the alarm for immediate education reform and to celebrate the benefits of enhanced educational options for children." Americans participated in everything from rallies – to education reform film screenings.

CATEGORY: GOVERNMENT (Cont'd)

Issue: **The State of the Union and the State of Science Education**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: February 20, 2011

Description: President Barack Obama used his State of the Union address to put education front and center on the national agenda. President Obama called for a 5-year spending freeze. But the president said he would spare education and research from that freeze, calling them vital to the nation's long-term growth and competitiveness. Mr. Obama said his budget for the next fiscal year, which was due out in February, calls for more spending on biomedical research, information technology, and clean-energy technology. He proposes paying for these increases by eliminating tax breaks for oil companies.

Almost simultaneous with the president's State of the Union address, the National Assessment of Education Progress, known as NAEP, released the nation's report card on science. It was not good. Results showed that most American students are not performing at a level deemed "proficient" in science, with 12th graders posting the weakest scores. Only one in five high school seniors scored at least proficient on the exam. Reaction came swiftly from several sectors.

U.S. Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, said when only 1 or 2 percent of children score at the advanced levels on NAEP, the next generation will not be ready to be world-class inventors, doctors, and engineers.

Meanwhile, the National Science Teachers Association reacted this way saying, "This is completely unacceptable. Our nation cannot afford to have a scientifically illiterate workforce... even in these challenging economic times it is imperative that we develop and retain high quality science teachers.

Issue: **From the Education Current Events and Update Folder**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: February 27, 2011

Description: We had them on our show a year ago. Now it's time for their second annual World Read Aloud Day. This month Litworld invites listeners to join the global literacy movement. A reported 1-billion people are unable to read a book or sign their own name. Litworld asks you to imagine a world without words? And visit them online at: litworld.org.

Last week we reported on President Obama's education remarks during his State of the Union address. The president and Education Secretary, Arne Duncan, would like to get the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), now known as NCLB, reauthorized this year. House Education Committee Chairman, John Kline, supports this effort – but expressed concern about the president's request for more Race to the Top money. Congressman Kline said "Congress should not be cutting blank checks to the administration, especially when our national debt exceeds 14-trillion dollars... especially... in light of the federal government's failure to keep its promise to fund special education."

And lastly, the White House has opened applications for the 2011 Race to the Top Commencement Challenge. Students from public high schools across the country are invited to demonstrate how their school prepares them for college and a career by submitting an application online at whitehouse.gov. The winning school gets the president as their 2011 commencement speaker. Cool!

CATEGORY: GOVERNMENT (Cont'd)

Issue: **The Academic Minute: CIA Drone Expansion**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: March 6, 2011

Description: And now this week's Academic Minute professor is a Professor of Law and International Dispute Resolution. Mary Ellen O'Connell from the University of Notre Dame discusses the CIA's use of armed drones and the legal implications of their wider use by the U.S. and other countries.

The Academic Minute is hosted by Dr. Lynn Pasquerella, a celebrated philosopher and medical ethicist, and President of Mount Holyoke College.

Issue: **Education Budget Proposal for this Fall: Overview, Pell Grants & Higher Education Impact**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: March 13, 2011

Description: The federal Department of Education wants 77.4 billion dollars to operate its programs in fiscal year 2012, which begins this fall. It's asking for a 2-billion dollar increase, or 4.3% more than 2011.

The department's budget proposal came just days after the House of Representatives released a plan to cut billions of dollars from the current budget.

Washington observers remark that this highlights the "stark contrast" in how the administration and GOP envision the use of education money.

In releasing the administration's education budget request, Secretary Arne Duncan announced that his department wants to eliminate 13 programs to save 147-million dollars. And also cut 265-million from Career and Technical Education (CTE) grants. Duncan plans to use that money, and the additional money requested, to fund a wide array of programs from early learning, through college completion, and teacher preparation.

This week, we give you a quick overview of his budget proposal and changes to the popular Pell Grant program for higher education. Next week, we'll focus on planned cuts and investments for the lower grades, Pre K thru 12.

Issue: **Education Budget Proposal, Fiscal 2012: Pre K thru 12 Cuts & Investments**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: March 20, 2011

As we witness massive education unrest unfold, and education budget upheavals all across the country, congress has been working on the administration's fiscal year 2012 budget for the U.S. Department of Education. This is the budget that begins in just a few short months, in the fall.

Last week, we gave listeners an overview of plans to trim certain areas of the federal education budget and add new monies to other areas. We also focused on the future of higher education and changes necessary to Pell Grants due to a forecast 20-billion dollar deficit for just that one line item.

CATEGORY: HEALTH

Issue: **The Academic Minute: AD/HD**

Program: The Best of Our Knowledge

Date: January 2, 2011

Description: This week's episode features Education Professor Christie Herbert from Landmark College.

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CATEGORY: ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TRANSPORTATION

Issue: **Oort Cloud Formation – The Role of the Sun’s Birth Cluster Part 1**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: January 23, 2011

Description: You’ve probably not heard much about the Oort Cloud. You can’t just look up in the sky and see the Oort Cloud. But our guest today, along with many others in the scientific community, believes comets in the Oort Cloud holds crucial clues about the origin of our planets, and possibly the origins of life on Earth.

Dr. Harold Levison is a Planetary Scientist specializing in planetary dynamics. And he comes to TBOOK from the Southwest Research Institute in Boulder, Colorado.

Among his many distinctions, Dr. Levison is co-author of SWIFT, scientific software that solves planetary equations of motion over billions of year timescales.

Plus, Levison and three other international colleagues are well known for their Nice Model. This model proposes how our early solar system evolved, planetary migration, including events like the Late Heavy Bombardment of the Moon.

Next week, we’ll focus on the importance of students studying physics, the scientific mind, and are we alone?

Issue: **President of the Moon**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: January 23, 2011

Description: Our first guest was just talking about the Moon. Our next guest, Dennis Hope, says he’s interim President of the Moon, the first known galactic government.

Hope claims a loophole in the U.S. Treaty On Outer Space means that countries might be prevented from taking control of the Moon... but that doesn’t mean individuals cannot.

So, he’s filed his claim and set up the Lunar Embassy Corporation in his Nevada home, and he’s selling plots of land on “his” Moon. It’s been a fairly lucrative real estate business... with some 5-million people becoming part owners thus far... grossing Hope and estimated 10-million dollars for his efforts.

Issue: **The Academic Minute: This Month in Earth’s History**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: January 23, 2011

Description: This week’s episode features Dr. Jill Schneiderman, Professor of Earth Science at Vassar College, Her book, “The Earth Around Us: Maintaining a Livable Planet”, was named one of the most important and thought-provoking science books of the year by Discover magazine.

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CATEGORY: ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TRANSPORTATION (Cont'd)

Issue: **Oort Cloud Formation – The Role of the Sun's Birth Cluster Part 2**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: January 30, 2011

Description: Even as adults, we experience child-like wonder when we gaze up into the night time sky... amazed at what we see... full of questions about how our world could have come to be... and what chain of events had to occur for humans to be standing on Earth, looking out at the universe.

That's the way it was too for our guest, Dr. Harold Levison. He set about making that dream become a reality. And now, he's a Planetary Scientist with the Southwest Research Institute.

Dr. Levison's principal research interests lie in the area of the dynamics of astronomical objects. In particular, he focuses on the long-term behavior of bodies in the solar system. He is perhaps best known for his work on the early evolution of the outer solar system, and is an author of the most comprehensive model to date.

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Issue: **The Academic Minute: Green Architecture**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: March 13, 2011

And now this week's Academic Minute professor discusses the importance of adaptive reuse in "green" construction. Liliane Wong is an architect and Professor and Head of the Department of Interior Architecture at the Rhode Island School of Design.

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CATEGORY: ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TRANSPORTATION (Cont'd)

Issue: **Titan is a Prebiotic Laboratory: Development of Complex Organics in an Abiotic Environment (Part Two)**

Program: The Best of Our Knowledge

Date: December 19, 2010

Description: And that brings us to our next story. In many respects, Saturn's largest moon, Titan, is one of the most Earth-like worlds found to date. With its thick atmosphere and organic-rich chemistry, Titan resembles a frozen version of Earth, several billion years ago, before life began pumping oxygen into the atmosphere.

Last week, we learned that Titan is of great interest to scientists (and our next guest) because it has a substantial, active atmosphere. Since the arrival of the Cassini mission six years ago, many of Titan's secrets have been revealed, including rivers and lakes of liquid ethane and methane which form clouds and rain.

An update from last week's show... NASA Program Manager, Bob Mitchell, says the Cassini spacecraft is behaving exactly as it should since it went into that "safe mode" we told you about. He's confident by the time this show airs, that they'll restore the software from the backup and restart it without problems.

This week, we wrap up our story about Titan, including a discussion about the future of such scientific missions, and cost factors for trying to find the origins of life.

CATEGORY: MINORITIES, WOMEN & AGING

Issue: **MIND Alliance: Helping Minority Students with Disabilities Succeed in STEM**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: January 2, 2011

Description: It's that time each year when the nation recognizes Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday with an official federal holiday. Dr. King is of course remembered (among many things) as a strong supporter of equality in education.

MIND Alliance is a program designed to increase interest in science among minority students with disabilities, and to help them transition into STEM-based academic programs and careers.

MIND Alliance brings together the resources of two minority-serving universities – Hunter College and New York City, and Southern University at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Issue: **The Hardest Questions Aren't on the Test: Lessons from an Innovative Urban School Part 1**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: January 9, 2011

Description: Last week, for Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday celebration, we featured an education program designed for minority students at two minority serving institutions of higher learning. This week, we take listeners to an inner city public high school in Boston.

Picture an urban public school where 94% of its graduates qualify to attend college. For many urban schools, that may sound like a pipedream. But not in Boston if you attend the Boston Arts Academy. It's a public school, operating within the Boston public school system. It comprises an ethnically and socioeconomically diverse student body.

Now, compare that 94% rate of students getting into college, to the average urban district rate in Boston of just 50%, and you'll be wondering, as we were, how in the world do they do that?

Issue: **The Hardest Questions Aren't on the Test: Lessons from an Innovative Urban School Part 2**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: January 16, 2011

Description: The achievement gap remains one of education's most persistent problems all across the U.S. A new report out last month shows that, overall, achievement gaps remain large.

The study by the Center on Education Policy says if states continue their current pace of progress in narrowing achievement gaps between students of different races, ethnic groups, and income levels, it could take decades for lagging student groups to catch up.

Yet just last week, we heard about an urban inner-city public school, the Boston Arts Academy, where an amazing 94% of its graduates qualify for college.

CATEGORY: MINORITIES, WOMEN & AGING (Cont'd)

Issue: **National Women's History Month: Access to Advancement Profile – Patricia Walsh**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: February 20, 2011

Description: As we open our month of programs recognizing Women's History Month, we profile Patricia Walsh. Walsh is a full-time program manager at Microsoft. She runs marathons, volunteers for a number of important causes, and has a busy social life. But there was a time during college when things did not go quite so smoothly for her.

Patricia Walsh, at times, struggled with her grades and confidence. That is, until she worked with Dr. John Gardner who is nationally known for making technology accessible to people with visual impairments. Dr. Gardner was a role model and mentor for Patricia and introduced her to the AccessSTEM program at the University of Washington. Walsh credits Dr. Gardner and AccessSTEM with helping her get to where she is today.

Issue: **Education Headlines & Updates**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: February 20, 2011

Description: Two weeks ago, we reported on Teach for America on the occasion of its 20th anniversary. Teach for America is the educational organization that places recent college graduates into low-income public schools. Now, TFA has just announced its receiving 100-million dollars to launch its first ever endowment in hopes of making the grass-roots organization a permanent fixture in education. Founder, Wendy Kopp, says she hopes that steady stream of revenue will permit TFA to double the number of active corps member teachers, and increase the communities they reach from 39 to 60.

The month of March is always National Women's History Month. This year's theme is Our History is Our Strength. The theme pays tribute to the millions of women who have taken action to help create a better world for the times in which they lived, as well as for future generations. It's a program of the national Women's History Project which this year is encouraging communities and institutions to honor women from their own communities, states, and organizations whose lives and work have served to inspire the strength that comes from knowing the stories of these determined women.

Issue: **Women's History Month: Asian University for Women**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: February 27, 2011

Description: For many women in rural Asia, access to education and advancement is out of reach. But Kamai Ahmad is trying to change that. Ahmad is an international attorney who recently founded the Asian University for Women. Based in Bangladesh, women from all across Southern Asia attend undergraduate and graduate programs. And some even arrange to come early for college prep classes.

In just a few short years, the Asian University for Women has made great strides towards becoming a premier educational institution for young women in Asia... and fulfilling its mission to educate a new generation of women to become role models and leaders in their own communities.

CATEGORY: MINORITIES, WOMEN & AGING (Cont'd)

Issue: **National Women's History Month Commentary: Women's Colleges**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: February 27, 2011

Description: Back in the U.S. recent surveys show that women are earning doctorate degrees in higher numbers than men. Advanced degrees can be extremely important in higher education, and upper level management.

The institutions of higher learning where these degrees are derived, is also very important. As prices continue to climb, students and parents are demanding they get more than a degree from today's colleges and universities.

Author and public speaker, Selena Rezvani, looks at the role of all-women colleges in this 21st century.

Issue: **National Women's History Month Profile: Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: February 27, 2011

Description: As we continue our recognitions of Women's History Month, and honor the achievements of women, we learn about Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson. Dr. Jackson became the first African American, and first woman, to head the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. And now she leads a top research university. This is her story.

Issue: **Women's History Month: Tech Girls**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: March 6, 2011

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Issue: **National Women's History Month Profile: Dr. Rita Colwell**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: March 6, 2011

Description: Speaking of the National Science Foundation as we just were, and as we continue our recognition of Women's History Month, our next profile is of a woman who directed the NSF for many years. I met Dr. Rita Colwell when she came here to our home studios several years ago. Dr. Colwell is now a Distinguished University Professor both at the University of Maryland College Park, and at Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health.

CATEGORY: MINORITIES, WOMEN & AGING (Cont'd)

Issue: **National Women's History Month: Girls Education in Afghanistan**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: March 13, 2011

Description: During three decades of war, many in Afghanistan were deprived of a basic education, especially young girls. Now, these girls are young women, too old to go back to elementary school. World Vision Report visited a school in the Afghan capital that's giving these older girls and young women a chance to get the education they missed.

Issue: **National Women's History Month: Iraqi Mother Determined to Education Herself & Children**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: March 20, 2011

Description: While the eyes of the world are focused on current events and unrest in several locations in the Middle East, educators are determined to keep schools open for business.

In our final installment of our month-long recognition of Women's History Month, we hear next from this mother of four in Iraqi who is trying to keep her children in school while she also attend college.

CATEGORY: CRIME

Issue: **Attracting the Best Teachers, Locke High School Emblematic?**

Program: The Best of Our Knowledge

Date: February 13, 2011

Description: Have you ever wondered what it would be like to work at, or attend a school in South Los Angeles? Well that's what our story is about today. And unfortunately it's a story that may sound all too familiar... being repeated in far too many other school districts around the U.S.

Locke High School opened in the mid 60s after the Watts riot. Locke was at first a symbol of hope. But now it's emblematic of a school crippled by a culture of poverty and the violence that breeds. It's become infamous for shootings, gang violence, and racial tensions between Hispanics and African Americans. During the last decade, Locke's academic performance index was the lowest in all of the Los Angeles Unified School District. Gang fights are rampant, enrollment is down, and not surprisingly, teacher turnover is high.

Into this place, which resembles a prison as much as a school, are dropped a group of "recruits" from Teach for America. A candid account of their experiences and efforts to improve the educational system at Locke High School are chronicled in the book, "Relentless Pursuit: A Year in the Trenches with Teach for America."

Issue: **President Obama Signs Executive Order to Renew and Enhance the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans**

Program: The Best of Our Knowledge

Date: December 5, 2010

Description: A national education summit was held not long ago in Washington, D.C. Its purpose – to find ways to increase educational access for Hispanic Americans, improve their lives, and help the US recapture the highest college graduation rate in the world by the end of this decade.

The forum was followed at the White House by the president signing an Executive Order to renew and enhance the White House initiative on educational excellence for Hispanic Americans.

Issue: **Immigrant Education**

Program: The Best of Our Knowledge

Date: December 5, 2010

Description: Just one day after the president signed his Hispanic Education Executive Order, a report came out from the American Council on Education.

Titled, "Minorities in Higher Education", it points out that many of the educational problems of the nation's Hispanic population come from the challenges Hispanic immigrants face. And it cautions that failing to take the needs of such immigrants into account "might lead to unsustainable reforms or unrealistic expectations."

According to the Council's report, influxes of immigrants with weak educational backgrounds, has emerged as a major challenge to the nation's efforts to get a larger share of its population through college.

Well, not only Hispanic education, but immigrant education as a whole, is certainly on the minds of teachers and state and local school systems all around the country. When a community experiences a significant rise in the number of school children who do not speak English, it can impact the very core of that local school.

To learn more how this actually works in practice, we visit educators in upstate New York – the capital district in and around Albany. But this is one example of what's going on in communities all across this nation.

CATEGORY: YOUTH & FAMILY

Issue: **School on Wheels**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: January 9, 2011

Description: A study just out shows that joblessness among low income workers has reached a staggering 30%. So it comes as no surprise that the number of homeless people is rising too. And that, of course, includes children.

In just Los Angeles alone, there are thousands of homeless children. As their families shuffle between shelters, cars, and the streets, these young people struggle to stay in school.

A non-profit called, School on Wheels, helps homeless youth by bringing education to them, to help them learn their three R's, no matter where they are.

Issue: **The Academic Minute: The Development of Children's Brains**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: January 9, 2011

Description: This week's episode features Dr. Jane Couperus, Assistant Professor of Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience at Hampshire College.

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Issue: **Schools for Working Children**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: February 6, 2011

Description: UNICEF estimates that some 250-million children work for a living in developing countries. It's calling the practice of child labor a violation of basic human rights. Many advocates strive to eliminate child labor completely, in particular, because work can keep children out of school. But in one neighborhood in Karachi, Pakistan, a group of young people are both working and going to school.

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CATEGORY: YOUTH & FAMILY (Cont'd)

Issue: **Pilot Pre-K Literacy Program**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: October 10, 2010

Description: In related news, numerous studies show the link between vocabulary and early literacy skills, and academic achievement. The problem nationwide is the increasingly large number of children who enter kindergarten lacking these literacy skills.

For example in Ohio, Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Literacy test results show 56% of Cincinnati public school children struggle with literacy skills. And, one-third of children entering kindergarten will require intensive intervention to be successful. This is especially true for children whose families are considered low-income. These are "at-risk" predominantly minority children.

This is why the University of Cincinnati (one of the nation's leading urban research institutes), Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (one of the top five pediatric hospitals in the country), and the Children's Home of Cincinnati have partnered to form Ohio's School Readiness Collaborative, or (SRC).

The program is taking a three-tiered approach. Its goals are to reach children who are at risk of illiteracy, identify early learning issues, and provide intense learning support.

The evidence-based theories suggested by the Ohio School Readiness Collaborative are ready for testing. They're prepared to begin a 12-month pilot program that will test its illiteracy intervention model in up to 400 children who are preparing to enter Cincinnati public schools as kindergarteners.

Issue: **Character Matters: How to Help Our Children Develop Good Judgment, Integrity, and Other Essential Virtues**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: November 21, 2010

Description: Teen and student suicides are getting an extraordinary amount of media attention this Fall.

The issue has reignited the campaign against bullying. And in fact, last month was National Anti-Bullying Month in the U.S.

Many educators believe bullying is a national crisis. According to Department of Education statistics, one in three school children from grades six through 10 are affected by bullying and harassment.

It has prompted more and more schools and school districts to enforce year-around codes of conduct. This then brings the issue of character education forefront and center.

TBOOK found one of the most highly regarded national authorities on character education at the State University of New York at Cortland. Dr. Thomas Lickona is a developmental psychologist and professor of education.

Dr. Lickona has specialized in this field for over 40-years. He's the author of the bestselling classic, "Educating for Character: How Our Schools Can Teach Respect and Responsibility." Another of his highly acclaimed books is "Character Matters: How to Help Our Children Develop Good Judgment, Integrity, and Other Essential Virtues."

Dr. Lickona directs the Center for the Fourth and Fifth Rs (respect and responsibility), and he served on the advisory council of the Character Education Partnership, a national coalition working to promote character development.

CATEGORY: YOUTH & FAMILY (Cont'd)

Issue: **Character Matters: How to Help Our Children Develop Good Judgment, Integrity, and Other Essential Virtues (Part Two)**

Program: The Best of Our Knowledge

Date: November 28, 2010

Description: Anti-bullying organizations were galvanized into action these past weeks after a Rutgers college student committed suicide.

Educators across the country are saying the increased suicide rate is demonstrating the need for more civility, especially when it comes to online privacy.

Many schools have already implemented rules of conduct. And many more schools will now attempt to enforce year-around conduct codes.

Character education has grown in popularity among educators and parents alike, though some research does question its effectiveness.

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CATEGORY: EDUCATION

Issue: **Benefits of Drama Classes to Youth**
Program: Public File
Date: February 27, 2011

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Issue: **Festival Supporting Various Causes**
Program: Public File
Date: May 8, 2011

Description: This year Galt celebrates the 16th anniversary of its Annual Strawberry Festival. Many special events and surprises are planned to commemorate the 16th year celebration of this fun family community event. The Galt Chamber of Commerce, for example, will sponsor a tribute to our troops. Service members can be enrolled for a thank you and recognition via a yellow ribbon and a special presentation at the festival. They will also feature a musical tribute to our military and have representatives from various military organizations as well as feature a military display including a Huey helicopter. Donations of DVDs will be accepted to send to our military who are serving overseas and they will also be collecting old cell phones that can be turned in for calling cards as well. In addition, the 7th Annual Running of the Berries benefits PAWS – Performing Animal Welfare Society – a non-profit organizations and captive wildlife sanctuary. Wine, Berries & Jazz is a benefit for our Galt District Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund, which helps high school graduates further their education.

Issue: **Supporting Local Art**
Program: Public File
Date: May 15, 2011

Description: The Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission (SMAC), established in 1977, is a public agency devoted to supporting, promoting and advancing the arts in the region. Funded by the City and County, they provide funding to local artists and arts groups; they promote the arts through marketing, outreach and education initiatives; they provide resources to support and increase regional arts education activities; and they serve as a community partner and resource. Their Arts Education program provides access to and engagement in, arts learning experiences for residents of all ages in the greater Sacramento region. The program does this by providing resources and collaborative partnership opportunities for arts organizations, social service and community organizations, schools, teaching artists, and educators to develop educational programming. The City of Sacramento's nationally renowned Art in Public Places (APP) program was established in 1977 to expand public experiences of visual art by installing artworks in public spaces. It includes a collection of more than 400 permanently sited works of art integrated into Sacramento's built and natural environments. More than 80% of these artworks are by local and regional

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CATEGORY: ECONOMY

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Issue: **Psychic Readings**
Program: Public File
Date: March 21, 2011

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CATEGORY: HEALTH

Issue: **Preventing Falls for Seniors**

Program: Public File

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Issue: **Emergency and Disaster Relief**

Program: Public File

Date: March 6, 2011

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Issue: **Financial Planning for Seniors**

Program: Public File

Date: May 29, 2011

Description: Planning for Seniors helps find solutions that maintain the assets of loved ones. There are many myths about Medi-Cal resource guidelines, and you don't want to needlessly deplete your family's financial resources due to misinformation. They are devoted to obtaining the income tax funded benefits you or your loved one are entitled to, regardless of assets. Since 1994, Planning for Seniors, LLC has been helping families meet the emotional and financial challenges that arise when it's necessary to fund the expenses associated with quality, extended care for aging loved ones. Their goal is to bring peace of mind during a time of extreme emotional and financial stress. Planning for Seniors has built a strong network of committed professionals, including: attorney's, financial professionals, accountants/tax professionals, bankers, and private care coordinators, all of whom are trusted and compassionate experts. They offer clients: peace of mind knowing that you are informed about the funding options available to them; next steps for getting your loved one's financial house in order; answers to questions about extended care costs and available public benefits; strategies for preserving the assets your loved one worked so hard to achieve; insights on professionals who can address sensitive topics related to the care of your loved one; understanding and support that makes you feel you are not alone; guidance from a team of trusted advocates for your aging loved one; solutions for securing Medi-cal benefits for your loved one.

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Program: Public File

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Issue: **Local Farmer's Markets**

Program: Public File

Date: May 22, 2011

Description: The Certified Farmer's Market concept is an effort to re-establish the traditional link between farmers and consumers in California. Certified Farmers' Markets (CFM's) are places where genuine farmers sell their crops directly to the public. It is where the agrarian community relates to the urban community. California Certified Farmers' Markets are operated in accordance with regulations established in 1977 by the California Department of Food and Agriculture. Only a handful of CFMs were in the California direct marketing program back then. There are over 500 Certified Farmers' Markets in the state now and the number is growing every year. As farmers markets continue to rise in popularity, Yolo County will add another on Thursday, June 2nd with the opening of Sutter Davis Hospital Farmers Market in West Davis. The market will be open Thursdays from 10am to 2pm, June 2nd through September 29th. Davis Farmers Market will manage the hospital farmers market. Randii MacNear, Davis Farmers Market's executive director says the market will feature eight to ten farmers, plus two prepared food vendors. The market will accept EBT cards and issue market scrip, and also accept WIC farmers market nutrition coupons for WIC mothers and seniors. The grand opening will also feature a cooking demonstration and tastings and health screenings.

CATEGORY: DRUG ABUSE

Issue: **Helping the Homeless**

Program: Public File

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Issue: **Help for Local Food Banks**

Program: Public File

Date: June 19, 2011

Description: Round It Up America is a simple program that gives Americans the opportunity to donate pocket change by rounding up their purchases to the nearest dollar. This consumer-driven giving program provides an opportunity for Yard House Restaurant guests to round up their purchases to the nearest dollar amount, thereby allowing for small and potentially frequent giving. While the individual donations may be nominal, their collective sum is powerful. Local non-profit agencies, including food banks, homeless shelters, crisis relief centers, emergency assistance for military troops and their families, and services that protect the welfare of children and older adults living in our communities. 95% of funds raised by Round It Up America will directly benefit the communities served. The local Yard House efforts benefit the Placer Food Bank. The Placer Food Bank is a vital link between food and the people who need it. They serve thousands of people through two primary channels – local food donors and their network of feeding agencies. From the largest community meal programs to the smallest grassroots food closets, the Placer Food Bank reaches people in need throughout Placer and surrounding counties.

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CATEGORY: EDUCATION

Issue: **Youth Mentoring**
Program: Public File
Date: March 21, 2011

Description: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Nevada County makes a positive difference in the lives of children and youth in our community through a professionally-supported, one-to-one relationship with a caring and responsible individual. These individuals offer support to children's growth and development through nurturing relationships, leading to positive outcomes. They provide successful mentoring relationships for all children who want and need them, contributing to better schools, brighter futures, and a stronger community for all. They are an affiliate of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, a nationally acclaimed organization with over 100 years of successful experience in the youth mentoring field. Hundreds of Nevada County children have been matched with a Big Brother or big Sister ("Big") since this chapter was founded in 1981. They serve over 200 children and youth each year, on average, and expect those numbers to grow with their expanded service area. There is always a long waiting list of children needing Bigs, with the need for Big Brothers always being greater than the need for Big Sisters. Sadly, there will never be a shortage of Nevada County children in need of a supportive, caring individual who can be their role model and friend.

Issue: **Helping Children with Disabilities**
Program: Public File
Date: March 27, 2011

Description: The Niello VW Ranch Run is a 3-day event that since its inception in 2007 has raised over \$62,000 for Ride to Walk, a program that provides therapeutic horseback riding for kids with disabilities. Ride To Walk's mission is to enhance the lives of children and young adults with neurological disabilities by providing innovative therapeutic horseback riding activities that are recreational in nature and adapted to the individual's needs and abilities. They serve children with disabilities such as autism, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, attention deficit disorder, head trauma and sensory processing challenges. Ride To Walk strives to provide a positive support system for individuals with disabilities, their parents/caregivers, and our community. The benefits of horseback riding are as numerous as the types of disabilities and conditions served. Research shows that students who participate in therapeutic riding can experience physical, emotional and mental rewards. Because horseback riding gently and rhythmically moves the rider's body in a manner similar to a human gait, riders with physical disabilities often show improvement in flexibility, balance and muscle strength. For individuals with mental or emotional disabilities, the unique relationship formed with the horse can lead to increased confidence, patience and self-esteem. The sense of independence found on horseback benefits all who ride.

Issue: **Basketball Tournament Supporting Various Causes**
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CATEGORY: ECONOMY

Issue: **Employment Opportunities**

Program: Public File

Date: February 20, 2011

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Issue: **Phones for People with Special Needs**
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Date: June 26, 2011

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CATEGORY: HEALTH

Issue: **Breast Cancer**
Program: Public File
Date: February 27, 2011

Description: The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation is marking its 25th anniversary with a renewed and impassioned mission that incorporates a new name and logo, a \$1 billion commitment and a host of initiatives designed to support its promise to end breast cancer forever. The organization's new name is Susan G. Komen for the Cure and will be represented by a new logo featuring a customized version of the ubiquitous pink ribbon. In the 25 years since its inception, Komen for the Cure has successfully brought breast cancer out of the closet, changing how the world talks about and treats the disease. It has grown to become the world's largest grassroots network of survivors and activists, investing nearly \$1 billion in the cause and turning breast cancer into a priority health issue for women, researchers, health professionals and politicians. Since its inception, the Sacramento Valley Affiliate has awarded grants totaling over \$4.5 million dollars to local organizations that have made valuable contributions to breast cancer education, screening and patient support.

Issue: **Event Health Care**
Program: Public File
Date: March 6, 2011

Description: The aptly named medical team "Rock Medicine" was founded in 1973 as part of a partnership between the staff at the Haight-Ashbury Free Clinic in San Francisco, and the late legendary concert promoter Bill Graham. While the numerous rock medicine groups in the United States were not formed at the same time, they were primarily established after learning of incidences at the 1969 Woodstock concert and other concerts that followed where medical care was needed but not present. Today, the Rock Medicine group has more than 400 active volunteers who provide care for a few to a few hundred patients at nearly 200 events in the Bay area and Sacramento Valley each year. Described as tents that look much like an army hospital, smaller concerts offer a treatment and triage area, while larger concerts require a first aid station or a "dugout", three treatment rooms for an orthopedics, trauma and medical unit, and a talk down area, known as the "space station" by Rock Medicine staff, where those experiencing intense psychedelic reactions can receive help. Based on their skills, the volunteers tend to lacerations, abrasions, sprains, dislocations, drug overdoses and, though not common, sexual assaults. They also conduct regular bathroom checks to look for people who are ill and make sure people have a safe ride home.

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CATEGORY: CRIME

Issue: **Insurance Fraud**
Program: Public File
Date: April 3, 2011

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Issue: **Youth Mentoring**

Program: Public File

Date: March 21, 2011

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Issue: **Help for Foster Children**
Program: Public File
Date: May 8, 2011

Description: Stanford Home empowers youth and families to solve serious challenges that threaten their ability to stay together. They provide intensive, individualized programs that are proven effective for young people and families in difficult circumstances. They become stable and capable through our research-based, individualized approach. Stanford Home is determined to give each and every child a chance at a healthy, productive, and self-sufficient life. It is their unwavering commitment to the sustainable success of their young clients and their families. Stanford Home for Children strengthens children and families: to dream, to overcome, to thrive. Referrals are made from Child Protective Services, Department of Mental Health, Probation Department and schools. All programs are intentionally designed to create stability and reduce behavioral challenges that impact young people's ability to stay in their current environment. Volunteers are encouraged to get involved with special projects and events throughout the year to help raise awareness, resources, and funds to help support direct outreach to youth and families in Sacramento.

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Program: Public File
Date: June 26, 2011

Description: The California Telephone Access Program (CTAP) is a California State mandated program administered by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The primary goal of the program is to provide specialized telephone equipment and services to Californians who may have difficulty using a standard telephone. CTAP phones make it easier for these individuals to connect with friends and family, conduct business and access medical and safety services. CTAP offers a wide range of specialized products including amplifiers, ring signal devices, speech devices, switches, specialized telephones, mobile telephones, Braille TTY's, headsets, TTY's, fax machines and other accessories. The equipment is free of charge to eligible customers approved in the program. There are no income requirements to be eligible for a free California phone. Any customer who is unable to go to a Service Center may be eligible to receive a Field Visit at home. A field advisor will contact the customer to discuss various phone options, and if necessary, will make the appropriate arrangements to provide training or equipment selection. There is no cost for the visit.